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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

The Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated October 11, 2007 (a copy of which is attached), requires Applicants to submit replacement drawings. Accordingly, Applicants submit replacement drawings, as discussed in more detail herein. The period for responding to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers runs through December 11, 2007.

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### **IN THE DRAWINGS**:

Kindly replace the drawings with the ten (10) sheets of replacement drawings, containing Figs. 1-10, that are submitted herewith in response to the requirement to file replacement drawings in the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated October 11, 2007 in this application.

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#### <u>REMARKS</u>

Replacement drawing sheets (ten sheets containing figures 1-10) are submitted herewith. The attached replacement drawing sheets are being filed in order to address the informalities addressed in the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated October 11, 2007 in this application. The Notice indicated that Figs. 1 and 2 of this application included markings that have been "crossed out by hand or are illegibly handwritten." In response, Applicants submit concurrently herewith replacement drawing sheets with such markings removed from Figs. 1 and 2. The replacement drawings do not constitute new matter. If Applicant's understanding is incorrect in any these regards, clarification is respectfully requested in the next Office Communication.

**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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This application has been accorded an Allowance Date and is being prepared for issuance. The application, however, is incomplete for the reasons below.

Applicant is given two months from the mail date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. If the informality pertains to the abstract, specification (including claims) or drawings, the informality must be corrected with an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 (or, if the application is a reissue application, 37 CFR 1.173). Such an amendment may be filed after payment of the issue fee if limited to correction of informalities noted herein. See Waiver of 37 CFR 1.312 for Documents Required by the Office of Patent Publication, 1280 Off. Gaz. Patent Office 918 (March 23, 2004). In addition, if the informality is not corrected until after payment of the issue fee, for purposes of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(iv), "all outstanding requirements" will be considered to have been satisfied when the informality has been corrected. A failure to reply will result in the application being ABANDONED. This period for reply is NOT extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

See attachment.

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